

# Commissioners in Action

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**LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.**

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Sept. 13. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m.

At the Sept. 8 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

## RESOLUTIONS: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$658,130.50 for Worden Road Water Main Replacement 328W, City of Wickliffe for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Commissioner Bob Aufuldish noted the project had a 27 percent grant, which Engineer Jim Gills confirmed as coming for the OPWC.

(The Wickliffe City website has more information about the project.)

- Resolution approving change order No. 2 with Midwest Trenchless Services for State Routes 91 and 84 Transmission Waterline Replacement Project No. 302-W for the Lake County Department of Utilities, increasing the total contract amount by \$74,770.

- Resolution approving final estimate No. 7 in the amount of \$140,182.54 with Midwest Trenchless Services and accepting a maintenance bond in the amount of \$1,335,333 for State Routes 91 and 84 Transmission Waterline Replacement Project No. 302-W for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for LCDU Water District 279W Assessment Distribution and State Routes 91 and 84 Transmission Waterline Replacement 302w Contract Projects.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding among the Village of Madison, Madison Local School District and Board of Lake County Commissioners.

Madison Village Mayor Robert Lee was invited to comment on the MOU.

"Remember it's only to change the 208 boundary to include the new middle

school for the sanitary services," he said.

Aufuldish said he understood the Ohio EPA had told Madison Village it needed to make some improvements in order to take the school as a customer.

Lee said they met with the EPA regarding the inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues in the village, which then cause the sewage plant to exceed capacity and release untreated sewage. The EPA accepted the village's short-term plan and so far 20 percent of the manholes had been checked and 11 have been repaired which will reduce I & I.

"We're going to have an ongoing program," Lee said, noting they were checking and repairing 20 percent at a time.

Board President Ray Sines noted the commissioners agreed to the proposal to help the schools save money.

Troy pointed out the school was actually in an area designated for the county to service.

Sines added that if the county ever extended service to the southern part of Madison Township and needed to run a line past the school, the Madison Local School District understood it would need to pay its share of the assessment.

However, in that case, the schools would not be required to connect to the line and leave village service.

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

- Resolution approving change order No. 3 with Mr. Excavator, Inc. for Kirtland Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project No. 284-S, contract 1 for the Lake County Department of Utilities, increasing the total contract amount by \$69,731.71.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a release, settlement and indemnification agreement between the Board of Lake County Commissioners and Mr. Excavator, Inc.

This is concerning the Kirtland Sewer Project and a contractor dispute.

Troy said the contractor received only a fraction of the amount requested in its suit.

## JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant Sept. 12, in the amount of \$141,986.37.

- Resolution approving the Lake County Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan biennial renewal for the period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2013; certifying compliance with Chapter 5108 of the Ohio Revised Code in adopting the plan; and authorizing execution of the plan.

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution adopting the revised Lake County Stormwater Management Department rules and regulations.

"The rules and regulations were revised to be consistent with the requirements with our National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permit," Troy said.

Sines stated the agency had a \$4 million surplus and thought the fees the county taxpayers paid to that agency should be cut in half and raised elsewhere to help the county with its budget deficit. That way, the county would receive much-needed funds without the taxpayers having to pay more.

Troy said the member communities had decided on the fees they wished to pay according to the level of service they wanted. If they wanted to stop paying, they could withdraw from the program.

LCSWD Director Tim Miller said there were some projects in process and some take time to complete because the Ohio EPA or Army Corps of Engineers must become involved.

Sines said the agency received more funds each year and voted no on the resolution.

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Communications Workers of America-Local 4340, expiring March 31, 2012.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$2,494,360.42.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$588,701.67.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Concord Township Trustee Chris Galloway, as president of the Lake County Township Association, asked the commissioners to meet with them to discuss the county budget and other matters which would concern the county and the townships.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel compensation and interviews, real estate for the Utilities Department and security.